(d) what steps Government propose to take to effectively implement the programme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (d) Yes. The National Productivity Council, New Delhi, as a part of its own internal planning process, has prepared a programme for the prevention and control of pollution in six industrial sectors, *viz.* (i) Electroplating Industry, (ii) Food processing Industry, (iii) Stone Crushers, (iv) Small Pulp & Paper Mills, (v) Sugar Industry and (vi) Small Glass & Ceramic Units. A period of two years was fixed for carrying out the activities in these six sectors. However, the expertise of National Productivity Council would be provided to any unit located anywhere in the country desirous of availing of their services even after expiry of two years.

Indo-US Joint Ventures

1961. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and U.S. have been very keen on joint ventures;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has recently been reached; and

(c) if so, what are the joint ventures that India and U.S. will put up during 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Recently, many enterprises from the U.S.A. and India have shown interest in entering into joint venture collaboration with each other.

(b) During 1988, 191 foreign collaboration proposals with US companies were approved by Government. Out of these, 71 proposals involved financial participation by US companies.

(c) As approvals are in response to the proposals made, no projection is possible.

Reopening the Rohtas Industries, Dalmia Nagar

1962. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress in restarting Rohtas Industries in Dalmia Nagar, Bihar which have been closed for the last four years; and

(b) what has been the directive from Supreme Court / Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to Central Government regarding opening of these complex and what steps have been taken to implement these directives?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALROA): (a) and (b) On the directions of the Supreme Court, a Committee examined the question of revival of the Rohtas Industries Limited. An affidavit has been filed by the Union Govt. duly supported by the State Govt. to revive the cement, asbestos and vanaspati units only if the assets are handed over to it in the liquidation proceedings.

Final orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court are awaited, and, thus, the matter is *sub judice*.

Opening of Offshore Exploration Projects to Foreign Oil Companies

1963. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign oil companies have been allowed to participate in India's offshore exploration projects;

(b) if so, what is the result of opening of this area for private participation; and